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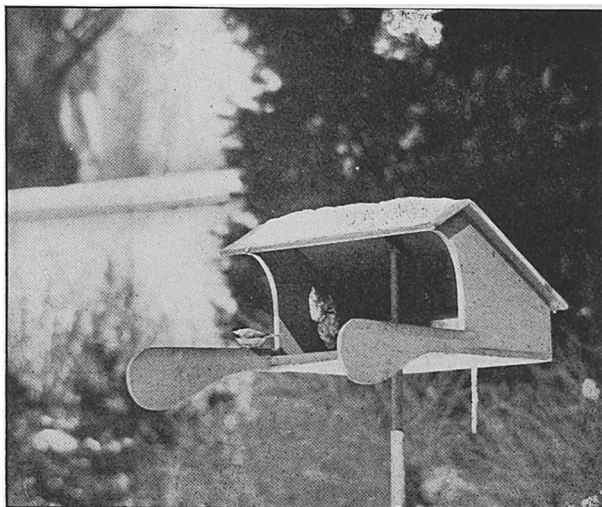
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A SHELTERED FEEDING-STATION MUCH PATRONIZED BY BIRDS. THE GLASS ON THE FOUR SIDES PREVENTS THE FOOD FROM BEING BLOWN OFF THE LARGE UPPER TRAY ALTHOUGH IT MAY EASILY BE REACHED BY THE BIRDS



A WEATHER VANE SELF-FEEDING. THE PADDLES KEEP THE CLOSED END OF THE BOX ALWAYS TOWARDS THE WIND, THUS PROTECTING THE FOOD. A CHICKADEE IS SHOWN JUST EMERGING FROM THE FOOD-TABLE

PROVIDING FOR THE WINTER BIRDS

BY T. GILBERT PEARSON

AN immense amount of comfort for the wild birds in winter may be provided with extremely little effort on the part of people who have places where birds are normally found. It should be borne in mind that when snow and ice cover the ground the weed-seeds and wild berries upon which birds largely depend for a livelihood at this season of the year are no longer available. At this time by placing seeds where birds can get them, one may not only help to keep the birds alive, but this will have a tendency to insure their daily visits, which give pleasure to so many people. Furthermore, many who make a point of feeding birds

have stated that as a result of these efforts the bird-life has been more abundant about the place the next spring.

One good food for birds, which can easily be secured at seed-stores, is what is known as "scratch feed." This consists of various small seeds and cracked grain. However, cracked corn, or even bread-crumbs are enjoyed by Blue Jays, native Sparrows and Snowbirds. Pieces of suet tied to trees or placed on feeding-shelves give great comfort to such birds as Chickadees, Titmice, Nuthatches and Downy Woodpeckers.

The accompanying photographs, taken on the estate of Tracy Dows at Rhinebeck, New York, by Clinton G. Abbott, lecturer, illustrate some of the methods by which Mr. Dows is making his place a paradise for our wild friends in feathers, even during the winter weather.



SCATTERING FOOD FOR THE BIRDS ON A PLATFORM FROM WHICH THE SNOW HAS BEEN SWEEP

A WINDOW FEEDING-SHELF MUCH USED BY BIRDS

